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1. The Austrian colony in Shanghai numbers 4700 persons. Of this group, 4646 arrived under emigrant status after 1938. Of the entire group, 286 are Catholics, 30 are Protestants and the remainder are Jewish. There are approximately 90 physicians and dentists (for the most part employed by UNRRA), 30 lawyers (nearly all without income), 80 engineers and teachers (nearly all without income). Several businessmen have made considerable fortunes by handling black market goods. The remaining merchant class members are small shopowners. Seventy-five percent of this colony receives aid from UNRRA and other smaller relief agencies. As most members of this community are unemployed or have very limited incomes, there is a very high percentage of criminal activity.
2. In a recent poll taken among the Austrians, the following figures were obtained:
1530 - desire to return to Austria
1338 - desire to go to the United States
508 - desire to go to Australia
167 - desire to go to Canada
244 - desire to go to Palestine
913 - desire to stay in Shanghai
3. There are three associations in the Shanghai Austrian colony, the most important being the Austrian Residents' Association and the Free Austrian Movement. The Austrian Residents' Association, with Heinrich Hendel as Chairman, is reportedly a Communist organization. Hendel has stated that the Soviets help this association. The Free Austrian Movement is connected with the Free Austrian World Movement.
4. As there is no accredited representative of the new Austrian Government in Shanghai, Austrian affairs are handled by a Mr. Toms and a Mr. Stoeri. Neither is accredited by his government but both men are active in the issuance of Austrian papers and passes (at a certain fee). Several Nazis have purchased these passes although they have no legal validity.

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